

Mirror editorials, etc.

Drilling to protect the people

The Carbondale Bureau of Fire recently held a fire drill at the Carbondale General Hospital.

Now, that in itself is not news, because the fire department has always held drills to better prepare itself.

The purpose of this editorial is to let everyone know that these drills are serious business, that while they are only drills they are meant to be taken seriously, because the practice taken now could very well save a life should the real thing ever take place.

So let's hear it for the volunteer firemen who give up nights at home to drill now to save lives later.

Mock disasters, too

Of course, we don't want to slight the volunteer ambulance corps whose members are constantly training because nearly every one they receive could be a life-saving one.

There are many training sessions during the year, including tests to advance themselves, attending classes, and usually taking drills — usually called mock disasters.

Bad news time ...

Seems as though this time of year

is always a time of paradox.

Christmas is around the corner and it usually means a time of giving.

But the fiscal new year is also around the corner and that means a time of taking.

The word is now out that the city administration's budget is looking for an eight-mill increase.

And Jermyn's council members are eying a three-mill increase for that borough.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Welcome, MICU

The upper valley mobile intensive care unit went into action on Monday morning.

The rolling intensive care unit is different from any others in the area since it does not transport the trauma patients it treats.

Unlike the intensive care unit based in Scranton, the one based at the Zazzeri's supermarket parking lot on North Main Street is mobile.

Luzerne reported that a man had walked up to his car and called for help, but the driver, Jean Updegraff, 41, of Orchard Street, had been shot in the head and the car alongside the house had been damaged. Patrolwoman Judy DePon investigated.

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A Carbondale youth escaped injury after a truck struck a youth on Brooklyn Street at the eighth Avenue intersection.

Patrolman Francis Coleman investigated the accident.

The City of Carbondale now purchases rock salt in cooperation with the Lackawanna County Council of Government. And the recent purchase of an additional 100-ton salt truck will add to the state-wide buying program.

Cooperation is no longer just a means of being nice. It has become a means of survival.

We can think of ways of cooperating which need to be explored by area communities, but we'll save elaborating on those for a later date.

Friday, Nov. 24

No injuries were reported when a car driven by Kevin White, 91 Canaan Ave., A., Carbondale, had a flat tire on Brooklyn Street.

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